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Summary:

(February 2, 2005)-The University of Minnesota, Morris has again been recognized on a national level for its distinctive brand of educating students in the liberal arts. The Morris campus has been named a College of Distinction and will be featured in a nationwide guide to colleges and universities that provide opportunities that encourage students to make the most of their education.

UMM already has a national reputation as a distinctive public liberal arts college. However, the guide's list of colleges was selected, not necessarily according to a college's national reputation or substantial budget. Rather, the selection team asked the question:

"Which colleges are the best places to learn, to grow, and to succeed?"

"Once again, it is gratifying to see national recognition of UMM's stature," said UMM Chancellor Sam Schuman. "The institutional characteristics which are the focus of this study match closely some of our most important strengths as an uncompromising liberal arts college in the public sector. Instructional excellence, committed students and faculty and an institutional culture of service are valued deeply here, and it is rewarding to see them recognized as UMM attributes by a national audience."

The guide, published by the Maryland-based Student Horizons, based the selection on four criteria: engaged students, great teaching, vibrant community, and successful outcomes.

A national team of educators and admissions professionals helped to make the selection by first identifying schools that excelled in the four criteria areas. A follow-up poll of high school guidance counselors across the nation was then conducted. Their choices form the basis for the final College of Distinction list.

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